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COLLATERALIZED DEBT OBLIGATION TRANSACTIONS

Mail Stop Amendment
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action communication dated December 24, 2008 received in connection with the above-identified pending patent application, Applicants respectfully submit herewith for consideration the following listed amendment parts, which are detailed in this paper pursuant to the requirements prescribed under 37 C.F.R. §1.121:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS, beginning on page 8 of this paper.